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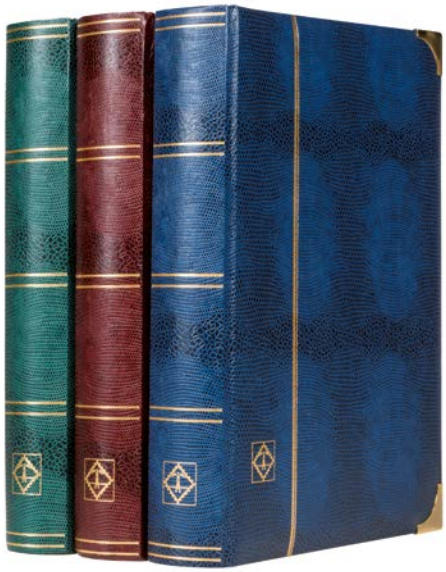

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Dear Reader

That small matter that many of us haven't quite got around to this year? Well, Focus on Stamps has done it: it is now slimmer and lighter, having shed twelve pages and most of the inserts. In terms of quality, however, the magazine has gained! For each of the special focus articles, you will now also see details of the related products, saving you the effort of searching and making it easier to order. In this instance, leaner means more efficient!

Small, landlocked Switzerland is celebrating 75 years of its merchant fleet. Read about the importance of big ships to a small state.
Switzerland's first female doctor – Marie Heim-Vögtlin – was a pioneer way beyond the realms of her profession. In honour of the 100th anniversary of her death, Post CH Ltd is issuing a special stamp.
A German by the name of Heinrich Nestle made Swiss history. Henri Nestlé founded one of the most successful and famous Swiss companies.
Molly is anything but a monster. The way she tackles her adventures is both endearing and monstrous.
Dada? Dada! Art which challenges the madness of the First World War, shaping the history of art and culture for the last 100 years.
150 years of passionate commitment. The Swiss Red Cross responded to Henry Dunant's call to ready itself to care for battle-wounded soldiers even in peace time. Over the years, it has taken on a whole host of other activities.
750,000 Swiss nationals live outside Switzerland, in all four corners of the globe. For the last 100 years, the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) has been providing valuable support in maintaining contacts with those expats.
A toxic substance or incorrect drug dose can very quickly have fatal consequences. For more than 50 years, Tox Info Suisse has been on hand to save lives around the clock.

Dear readers, as we greet a new year, we hope you enjoy delving into this colourful pot pourri of subjects.

Kind regards

Carina Ammon
Head of Stamps &
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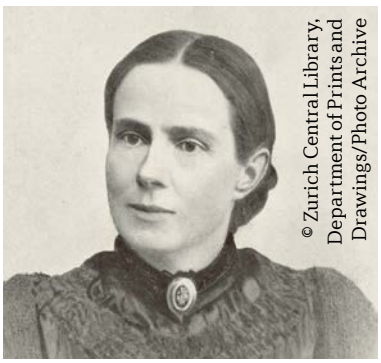
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Merchant ships, lovable monsters and prominent public figures. Some of the wide range of topics covered in this issue.

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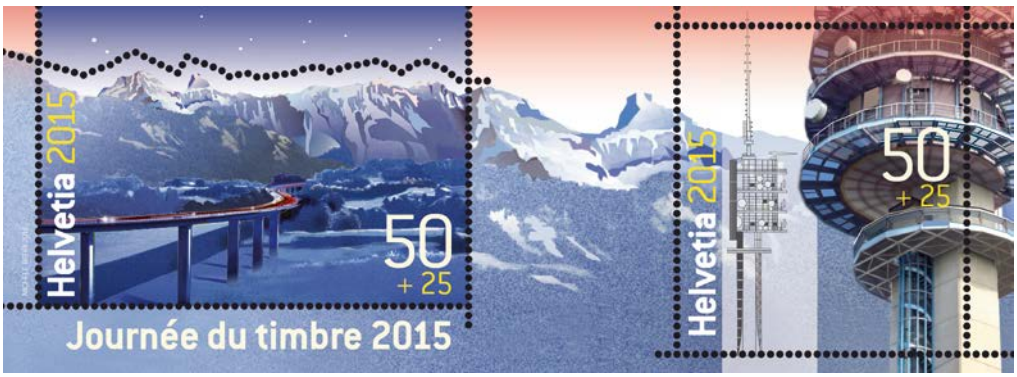
Cover page: Still from the film "Ted Sieger's Molly Monster", released in cinemas in February 2016. © Sieger/Little Monster

An exclusive evening that "sticks"

On 12 November 2015 the Labor Bar in Zurich was, for once, not the studio for the "Aeschbacher" programme but an event hall for the launch of this year's "celebrity stamp". 200 lucky winners were there.

Jonny Fischer and Manu Burkart – better known as Cabaret DivertiMento – presented their stamp at the successful event. The pictures convey their sense of fun and humour and how their spontaneity inspired the audience.

Photos: Simon Howald



Great closing event for 2015 stamp year

The final stamp event of the year in the lovely Gruyères region attracted many visitors. The exhibition (2nd and 3rd place) proved challenging for the jury on account of the many beautiful exhibits. The organization was perfect. A big thank-you to all involved!

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Switzerland as a **seafaring nation**

The idea of creating a Swiss flag was first raised in around 1860, by Swiss expats in the Mediterranean region who no longer wanted to travel under a foreign flag. However, the idea initially floundered. When Prussia and France opposed it, the Federal Council bowed to the pressure. Besides, back then nobody could agree whether a landlocked state was permitted to have its own flag. It was not until a conference of the League of Nations in Barcelona in 1921 that states without a maritime coastline were granted the right to have their own flags. This right was ratified in 1958 in the Geneva Convention on the High Seas and then again in 1982 in the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

During World War Two, the Confederation was economically reliant on shipping space to supply the country with essentials. The then Office of War Transport managed to charter 15 ships under the Greek flag. After Italy attacked Greece in October 1940, the ships were no longer able to sail on the Mediterranean: and so the Swiss flag was born. The Federal Council entrusted Basel-based Professor Rudolf Haab with the task of establishing a legal basis for the creation of Switzerland's own flag at sea. In the space of six months, the draft was complete. The Federal Council passed the draft in April 1941 under a state of emergency law and, before the month was out, maritime merchant ship ss CALANDA became the first to fly the flag.

Swiss merchant ships are operated not by the Swiss Confederation, but by private shipowners. They remain under the protection of Switzerland, whose flag they fly. In return, the government is entitled to commandeer the ships at times of crisis or emergency to ensure the country's economic needs are met. Thus our flag is motivated not by competition or prestige; rather, Switzerland owes its flag solely to the desire to ensure economic supplies for the nation at times of crisis or in emergencies.

Reto Dürler,
Head of the Swiss Maritime Navigation Office SMNO

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Validity
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Printing
Offset printing, 4-colour;
Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France

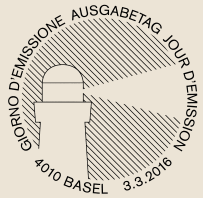
Sizes
Stamps: 33×28 mm
Sheet: 195×142 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
13¾:14

Design
Marco Trüeb, Basel

First day cover motif



First day cancellation

Switzerland's first female doctor

A pioneer through and through

In 1845, in Bözen, Canton Aargau, an inquisitive, impetuous girl was born: Marie Vögtlin. As a priest's daughter, she enjoyed the privilege of an education, but suffered under the conventions of the time – and rebelled.
She managed to secure a place at Zurich University to study medicine, the first Swiss female ever to do so, and gained a PhD. In Leipzig and Dresden she became the first woman in Europe to qualify as a consultant in obstetrics and gynaecological diseases and was the first female Swiss doctor to open her own practice.
She married Prof. Albert Heim and – at what was then the ripe old age of 36 – gave birth to the first of three children. Despite having a family, she continued to work throughout her life.
In public, Marie Heim-Vögtlin was a particularly fervent champion of women's education and women's suffrage. She was the co-founder of the Zurich School of Nursing, Switzerland's first hospital for women to be run by women. There was only one thing that Dr. med. Marie Heim-Vögtlin did not achieve before her death on 7 November 1916: the admission of female doctors onto advanced training programmes for doctors. It was for that very purpose that, in 1921, the Verband Schweizer Ärztinnen – Association of Swiss Female Doctors, now called mws medical women switzerland – was founded.

lic. iur. Judith Naef, Lawyer, CEO and Association Counsel at mws

Marie Heim-Vögtlin 1845–1916

CHF 1.00

Single stamp
A090 150 ★
A090 550 ⊙
CHF 1.00

Block of four
A090 160 ★
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CHF 4.00

Sheet of 20 stamps
A090 111 ★
A090 511 ⊙
CHF 20.00

Key ★ = mint ⊙ = cancelled

Unstamped cover C6
A090 700
CHF 0.90

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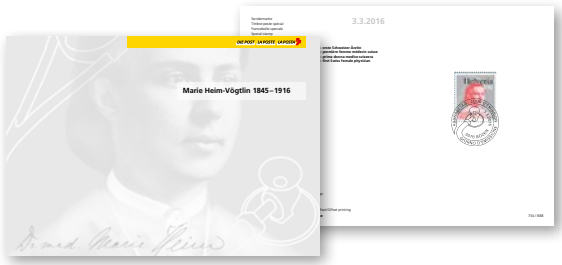

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A090 650 ⊙ *CHF 1.80*

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Printing
Offset printing, 3-colour;
Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France

Sizes
Stamp: 28×33 mm
Sheet: 140×195 mm (5 rows of 4 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
14

Design
Daniel Steffen, Berne

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

Henri Nestlé, the visionary

A tin of baby food from the early days.
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Heinrich Nestle, the company's founder and inventor of "baby food", was born in 1814 in Frankfurt am Main. After studying pharmacy, he emigrated to Vevey, where he worked as a pharmacist's assistant. At the age of 29, he went into business for himself, producing various products for the local market. In his laboratory, he developed a mineral fertilizer and liquefied gas. He married in 1860 but, after building a gasworks, he lost his main source of income. On the search for a new source of revenue, he came upon an unsolved problem with regard to infant nutrition: one in four children died before reaching the age of one year. Based on scientific findings, he developed a complete infant food which, at the request of a friend, he successfully fed to a premature baby. Just a few years later, he was distributing his "baby food" with the nest logo derived from the family crest on every continent. Aged 61, he sold his company to three local entrepreneurs and spent his retirement in the Montreux area, where he died in 1890.

In 1905, his successors merged with "Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co." which, in 1866 in Cham, launched the first condensed milk in Europe. It was from this merger that the world's largest food group was created which, in 2014, generated turnover in excess of CHF 90 billion and had a workforce of around 339,000.

Philippe Oertlé
Head of Corporate Communications,
Nestlé Suisse SA

The Nest

To celebrate the company's 150th anniversary, in 2016 Nestlé is opening a visitors' centre in the old Heinrich Nestlé factory building in Vevey. Visitors to the "Nest", as it will be called, will discover, in an entertaining and interactive environment, a wealth of interesting information about the past, present and future of Nestlé, one of the most respected Swiss brands in the world. Experience and fun will be the order of the day. The "Nest" will be open from 3 June 2016 for you and your family or friends to come and experience a journey of discovery.

Henri Nestlé

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A091 550 ⊙
CHF 1.00

Block of four
A091 160 ★
A091 560 ⊙
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Sheet of 20 stamps
A091 111 ★
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CHF 20.00

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Unstamped cover C6
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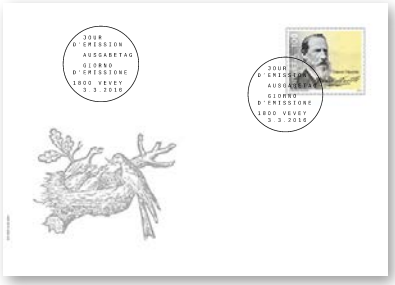
CHF 0.90



Single stamp on first day cover C6
A091 580 ⊙ only *CHF 1.90*

Block of four on first day cover C6
A091 630 ⊙ only *CHF 4.90*

Folder / collection sheet
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A091 650 ⊙ *CHF 1.80*

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Validity
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Printing
Offset printing, 3-colour; Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands

Sizes
Stamp: 33×28 mm
Sheet: 195×140 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, self-adhesive, on backing paper, 220 gm²

Perforation
14:14¼

Design
Christian Stuker, Riex

First day cover motif

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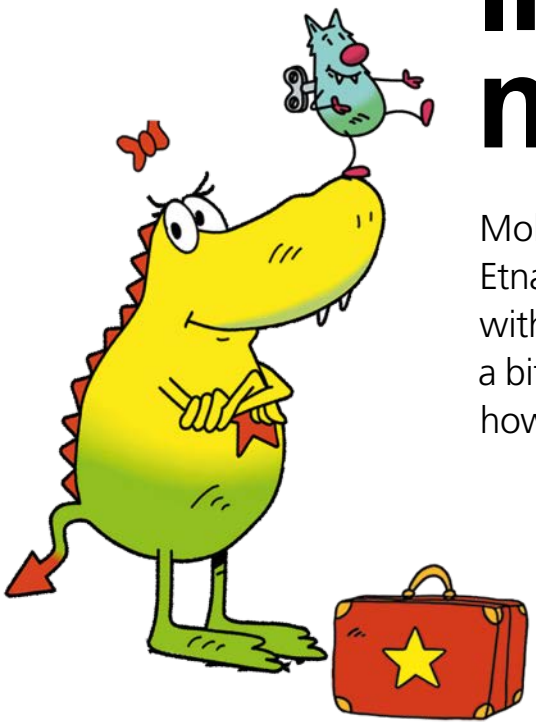
Molly, the little monster



Molly Monster is the beloved and only child of Popo and Etna Monster. Her best friend is Edison, a wind-up toy with a life of its own. Molly is clever and sometimes a bit bossy, but otherwise she's a very good girl. Edison, however, can sometimes be quite naughty.

When Mum lays an egg that Dad has to brood, they leave Molly in the care of her two uncles and travel to Egg Island, where all the monsters are born. Molly, her parents feel, is too young for the long journey.

In the end, Molly does have to follow them, all alone and with only the reluctant Edison in tow, who would rather have stayed at home. The journey takes her far away. They climb the open hills, cross a deep ravine and conquer seemingly invincible mountains. When Molly feels lost, other monsters are there to help her.

Molly never loses sight of her goal and bravely ploughs onwards. At the end of an adventure-packed journey, everyone is reunited – and thanks to Molly, the egg arrives on Egg Island just in time. Molly has found her new place in the family.

Ted Sieger

Find out all about Molly Monster:
mollymonster.tv
Find out all about the film:
praesens.com

Stills from the film "Ted Sieger's Molly Monster", released in cinemas in February 2016. © Sieger/Little Monster

The stamp booklet transports you into Molly's colourful world of monsters and you will receive five self-adhesive stamps (value CHF 1.00) of each of "Molly in the cable car" and "Molly on the bridge".

Molly Monster

CHF 1.00 Molly on the bridge • **CHF 1.00** Molly in the cable car

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A092 150 ★
A092 550 ⊙
CHF 2.00

Set of blocks of four
A092 160 ★
A092 560 ⊙
CHF 8.00

Sheet not issued

Set on first day cover C6
A092 580 ⊙ only *CHF 2.90*

Single stamp on first day cover C6
(2 covers)
A092 600 ⊙ only *CHF 3.80*

Block of four on first day cover C6
(2 covers)
A092 630 ⊙ only *CHF 9.80*

Folder / collection sheet
A092 640 ★
A092 650 ⊙ *CHF 2.80*

Stamp booklet
Each containing 5 self-adhesive special stamps (CHF 1.00) with the subjects "Molly on the bridge" and "Molly in the cable car"
A092 300 ★
A092 800 ⊙ *CHF 10.00*

Unstamped cover C6
A092 700
CHF 0.90

Important
For technical reasons, certain items, such as strips and special requests such as horizontal pairs etc. cannot be produced.

Set with one postal card of "Molly on the bridge" and one of "Molly in the cable car", face value CHF 1.00 + 1.00 per card
A092 841 ★
A092 846 ⊙
CHF 4.00

Key ★ = mint ⊙ = cancelled

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Printing
Offset printing, 4-colour;
Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands

Sizes
Stamps: 33×28 mm
Stamp booklet: 254×62 mm (open), 86×62 mm (folded)

Paper
White stamp paper, with optical brightener self-adhesive, on backing paper, 220 gm²

Perforation
4-page serpentine cut

Design
Ted Sieger, Berne

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

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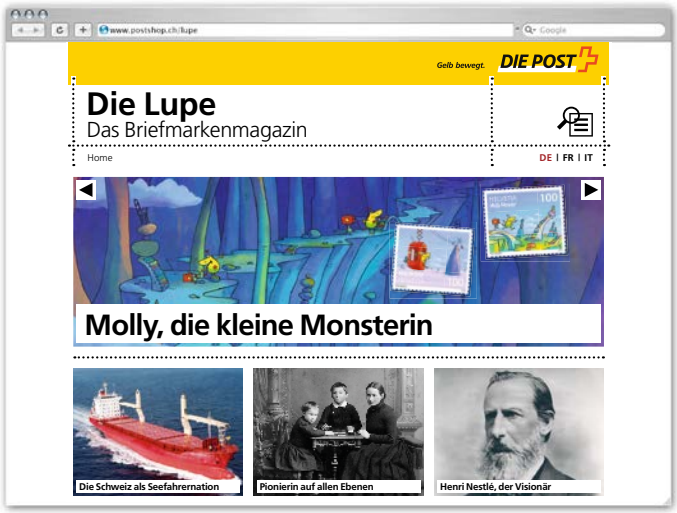

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April	F	1.4.		Focus on Stamps 2/2016
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	CS	18.4.	Zurich	Sechseläuten spring holiday
May	**I**	**12.5.**		**Issue date**
	F/E	12.5.–14.5.	Essen	International Stamp Fair 2016
June	SP	4.6.–5.6.	Rynächt and Pollegio	Gottardo 2016 Opening Ceremony
July	F	29.7.		Focus on Stamps 3/2016
August	CS	1.8.	Berne	Federal holiday
	SP	26.8.–28.8.	Estavayer	Swiss Wrestling & Alpine Festival
September	**I**	**8.9.**		**Issue date**
October	SP	7.10.–9.10. 14.10.–16.10.	Lucerne	50th Aerophilately Days
	F	7.10.		Focus on Stamps 3/2016
	CS	9.10.	Berne	World Post Day
	F/E	27.10.–29.10.	Sindelfingen	Internationale Briefmarken-Börse (International Stamp Exchange)
November	F/E	3.11.–6.11.	Paris	70th Autumn Philatelic Exhibition
	SS	12.11.–13.11.	Basel	Basel Collectors Fair
	I	**17.11.**		**Issue date**
	F/E	?.11.–?.11.*	Verona	Veronafil 2016
	SP	27.11.	Wienacht-Tobel	Christmas fair
December	SP	2.12.–4.12.	Aarwangen	Stamp Day 2016 in Oberaargau
	F/E	12.12.–16.12.	Berne-Bethlehem	Christmas post office

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F/E	Fair/Exhibition
SP	Special post office
CS	Cancellation service
SS	Sales stand

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Hugo Ball, Hugo Ball in a Cubist costume, Zurich 1916–1917.
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Sophie Taeuber-Arp, Portrait of Jean Arp, 1918, turned and painted wood (oil paint), H: 25cm.
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The city of Zurich has a legacy – and with it, the whole of Switzerland, indeed the whole world. In 1916, the magical word "Dada" changed the face of art. In French, it means hobby horse and in Russian "yes yes". There is even a lily-milk soap called "Dada"! In art, "Dada" first emerged exactly one hundred years ago in the Cabaret Voltaire at Spiegelgasse 1 in Zurich – and nothing would ever be the same again. A small group of emigrants, led by Hugo Ball and Emmy Hennings, adopted the name Dada in a stand against the madness of the First World War and led an assault on the senses in the form of poetry, collages, dance and music. The group included Alsace-born Hans Arp and Swiss national Sophie Taeuber, Romanians Tristan Tzara and Marcel Janco, along with Germans Richard Huelsenbeck and Walter Serner. From Zurich, the Dadaists created a network that spanned the globe with "Dada branches" in Paris, Berlin, New York and even Japan.

Yet Dada is not just local and global. Dada is universal: Hugo Ball described Dada as the "world soul" and, even 100 years after its baptism, its creative force has lost none of its fascination. The two special stamps marking the centenary of the avant garde movement depict Hugo Ball in his famous cubist costume, reciting his sound poem "Gadji beri bimba glandridi laula lonni cadori …". The Dada head "Portrait of Jean Arp" by Sophie Taeuber illustrates the statement of Dadaist Francis Picabia: "Our heads are round so our thoughts can change direction". With all these stimuli bouncing off in every direction, the famous Dada hands by Tristan Tzara guide us into the world. And Swiss Post is marking the anniversary with its two Dada stamps.

Juri Steiner
Director and Curator
Dada 100 Zurich 2016

dada 100 zurich 2016

The Dada centenary will be celebrated between early and mid-2016 by the dada100zurich2016 association. The association is in charge of the concept, providing support and overseeing communication and networking between public and private partners, museums, theatres, institutions, festivals, associations, organizations and individual initiatives. The Dada Centenary is receiving valuable support from the city and canton of Zurich and the Federal Office of Culture. There will be exhibitions, guided tours, performances, lectures, debates, seminars, publications, a documentary film and symposia. Digital and participatory Web projects, experimental and pop culture will also be exploring the world of Dada. And, finally, as the cradle and home of Dada, Cabaret Voltaire is planning an ambitious programme. For information and the latest diary of events, visit dada100zuerich2016.ch and cabaretvoltaire.ch.

dada 100 zürich 2016

Dada centenary

CHF 1.00 Hugo Ball • **CHF 1.00** Sophie Taeuber-Arp

Order using the enclosed order form or at postshop.ch

Set
A089 150 ★
A089 550 ⊙
CHF 2.00

Set of blocks of four
A089 160 ★
A089 560 ⊙
CHF 8.00

Sheetlet of 10 stamps

1.00 Hugo Ball
A089 311 ★
A089 351 ⊙
CHF 10.00

1.00 Sophie Taeuber-Arp
A089 312 ★
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CHF 10.00

Key ★ = mint ⊙ = cancelled

Set on first day cover C6
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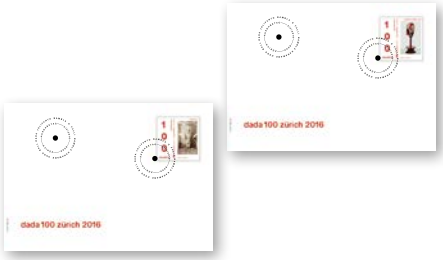

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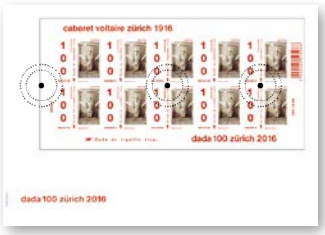

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Hugo Ball
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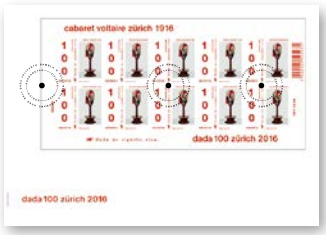

Sheetlet on first day cover C5
Sophie Taeuber-Arp
A089 592 ⊙ only *CHF 11.20*

Unstamped covers

C6 (162×114 mm)
A089 700
CHF 0.90

C5 (229×162 mm)
A089 701
CHF 1.20

Folder / collection sheet
A089 640 ★
A089 650 ⊙ *CHF 2.80*

Sales
Philately: From 25.2.2016 to 31.3.2017, while stocks last
Post offices: From 3.3.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 3.3.2016

Printing
Offset, 5-colour;
Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France

Sizes
Stamps: 34×34 mm
Sheetlets: 192×95 mm (2 rows of 5 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
14

Design
Marie Lusa, Zurich

dada 100 zürich 2016

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

150 years of the SRC for **more humanity**

The Swiss Red Cross (SRC) was founded in Berne on 17 July 1866. The SRC responded to Henry Dunant's call to ready itself to care for battle-wounded soldiers even in peace time. Although this remains part of its mission, it has taken on a plethora of additional activities in the intervening years.

Almost 28,000 volunteers work in the Samaritan association providing First Aid, patrol services and training. Photo: © SRC Andri Pol

From the early days of training first-aid assistants for the army, the SRC's activities now encompass training for professionals in caring for the sick in peace time, assistance for the socially disadvantaged, family healthcare, various relief services, the blood donation service, first-aid training and emergency services, assistance for refugees and asylum seekers, emergency aid in the wake of disasters and development cooperation.

Today, with 500,000 members and 73,000 volunteers the SRC is Switzerland's chief humanitarian organization. With its 24 cantonal associations, five rescue organizations, the institutions and the main branch office, it is established and active nationwide.

Without volunteers, there would be no Red Cross. 73,000 people – almost one percent of the population – volunteer their time to help others in Switzerland. One tenth of them are members of the Red Cross Youth. They are dedicated to helping elderly people with restricted mobility, families and children and people from other countries and cultures in the Red Cross cantonal associations. They also work as part of the rescue organizations and administer first aid and undertake patrol services at events.

The work of volunteers is supported by various SRC ambassadors. Among them is rapper Greis, who has composed a special rap about this. His message is: "What counts is not what you get back, but what you give". That said – by giving, you do get something in return, as confirmed by a transport service volunteer: "My reward is the great gratitude shown by my passengers and the wonderful conversations that unfold."

Beat Wagner, Head of Communication, Swiss Red Cross

The SRC operates in 30 countries, providing emergency and disaster relief and undertaking reconstruction, disaster prevention, and development cooperation.
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150 years Swiss Red Cross

CHF 1.00

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Single stamp
A095 150 ★
A095 550 ⊙
CHF 1.00

Block of four
A095 160 ★
A095 560 ⊙
CHF 4.00

Sheet of 20 stamps
A095 111 ★
A095 511 ⊙
CHF 20.00

Key ★ = mint ⊙ = cancelled

Unstamped cover C6
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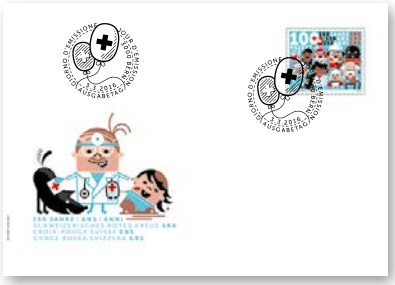
CHF 0.90



Single stamp on first day cover C6
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Block of four on first day cover C6
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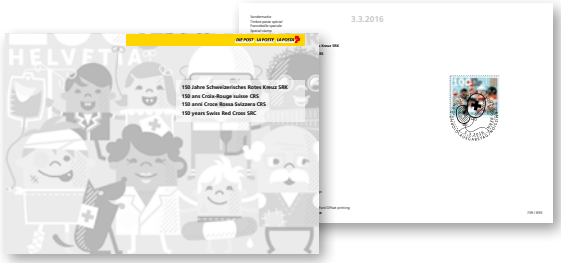

Folder / collection sheet
A095 640 ★
A095 650 ⊙
CHF 1.80

Sales
Philately: From 25.2.2016 to 31.3.2017, while stocks last
Post offices: From 3.3.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 3.3.2016

Printing
Offset, 5-colour;
Cartor Security Printing, La Loupe, France

Sizes
Stamp: 33×28 mm
Sheet: 195×142 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
14

Design
unikum graphic design, Berne

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

750,000 Swiss abroad – Switzerland elsewhere

One tenth of Swiss nationals are resident abroad – 750,000 of them in total. They are part of the Swiss population and have rights and obligations in Switzerland – such as the right to vote and take part in referenda at federal level by post.

Nearly two thirds of Swiss expats live in Europe, many in our five neighbouring states. 200,000 live in France, 85,000 in Germany and 80,000 in the USA. And the numbers are increasing every year. There is not a single country in the world that is not home to any Swiss people. Swiss citizens living abroad account for a growing percentage of the total population. The "fifth Switzerland", as it is known, is the third-largest canton after Zurich and Berne.

Switzerland, with its close international ties, is reliant on citizens who are familiar with other cultures and are part of an international network. They secure knowledge, experience, access and connections for the country.

Swiss citizens abroad usually retain close ties with their country of origin – often across generations. Easier travel options and modern means of communication are bringing Swiss people abroad and those back in Switzerland closer together. The Organisation of the Swiss Abroad (OSA) – which celebrates its centenary in 2016 – plays an important role in this.

Rudolf Wyder
Director of the OSA from 1987 to 2013

Centenary of the Organisation of the Swiss Abroad

CHF 1.00

Single stamp
A094 150 ★
A094 550 ⊙
CHF 1.00

Block of four
A094 160 ★
A094 560 ⊙
CHF 4.00

Sheet of 16 stamps
A094 111 ★
A094 511 ⊙
CHF 16.00

Key ★ = mint ⊙ = cancelled

Unstamped cover C6
A094 700
CHF 0.90

Single stamp on first day cover C6
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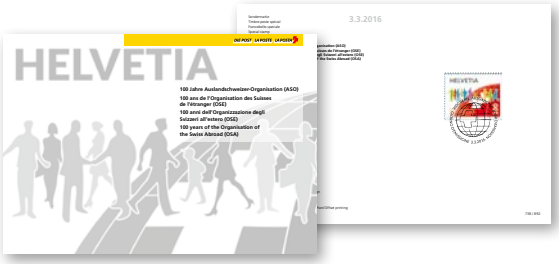
Block of four on first day cover C6
A094 630 ⊙ only *CHF 4.90*



Folder / collection sheet
A094 640 ★
A094 650 ⊙ *CHF 1.80*

Sales
Philately: From 25.2.2016 to 31.3.2017, while stocks last
Post offices: From 3.3.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 3.3.2016

Printing
Offset printing, 4-colour;
Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands

Sizes
Stamp: 40×32.5 mm
Sheet: 190×162 mm (4 rows of 4 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
14

Design
Tom Künzli, Berne

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

50 years of information on poisoning

For 50 years, Tox Info Suisse has been providing its services daily and around the clock, on the emergency number 145. The majority of the 37,500 or so enquiries received each year from both private individuals and doctors involve drug poisoning. Often, the victims are young children who swallow tablets that are not kept out of reach of curious fingers. However, Tox Info Suisse also deals daily with adult drug overdoses – often the result of an act of desperation.

Half of all calls are about a child aged under five, and prophylactic measures can help reduce such accidents. Information about this, with lots more tips on dealing with poisons, can be found on the Tox Info Suisse website (toxinfo.ch). For anyone wishing to stay abreast of toxin-related news, the Tox Info Suisse app allows you to set up push notifications.

Tox Info Suisse is a charitable private foundation and is funded by pharma-Suisse, scienceindustries, santésuisse, Swissmedic and H+ (Swiss hospitals), SUVA, FMH and the cantons, the FOPH and numerous donations from companies and individuals.

Dr. med. Christine Rauber-Lüthy
Chief Physician, Tox Info Suisse

50 years of Tox Info Suisse

CHF 1.00

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Single stamp
A093 150 ★
A093 550 ⊙
CHF 1.00

Block of four
A093 160 ★
A093 560 ⊙
CHF 4.00

Sheet of 20 stamps
A093 111 ★
A093 511 ⊙
CHF 20.00

Key ★ = mint ⊙ = cancelled

Unstamped cover C6
A093 700
CHF 0.90

Single stamp on first day cover C6
A093 580 ⊙ only *CHF 1.90*

Block of four on first day cover C6
A093 630 ⊙ only *CHF 4.90*

Folder / collection sheet
A093 640 ★
A093 650 ⊙
CHF 1.80

Sales
Philately: From 25.2.2016 to 31.3.2017, while stocks last
Post offices: From 3.3.2016, while stocks last

Validity
Unlimited from 3.3.2016

Printing
Offset printing, 4-colour,
Bagel Security Print, Düsseldorf, Germany

Sizes
Stamp: 33×28 mm
Sheet: 195×142 mm (4 rows of 5 stamps)

Paper
White stamp paper with optical brightener, matt gummed, 110 gm²

Perforation
14¼:13

Design
Willi Spirig, Rorschach

First day cover motif

First day cancellation

Exhibition cards and envelopes for the 2015 international stamp exhibitions

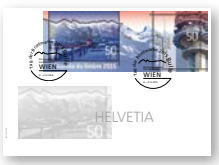
Last year, Swiss Post had a sales stand at seven philatelic exhibitions abroad.

10 – 12 April 2015:	**Milanofil 2015** in Milan IT
7 – 9 May 2015:	**25th International Stamp Fair** in Essen DE
13 – 16 May 2015:	**EUROPHILEX** in London GB
29 – 31 October 2015:	**International Stamp Fair** in Sindelfingen DE
5 – 8 November 2015:	**69e Salon Philatélique d'Automne** in Paris FR
27 – 29 November 2015:	**Veronafil 2015** in Verona IT
4 – 5 December 2015:	**Internationale Sammlerbörse NUMIPHIL 2015** in Vienna AT

Special envelopes and cards were produced and sold for each of these events. These exhibition products are now available to all interested customers as a set – C6 exhibition envelope and/or A5 exhibition card.

International stamp exhibitions 2015

Exhibition cards
Year set of 7 A5 exhibition cards from the Milan, Essen, London, Sindelfingen, Paris, Verona and Vienna stamp fairs.
A120 450 ⊙ only *CHF 19.50*



Exhibition covers
Year set of 7 C6 exhibition covers from the Milan, Essen, London, Sindelfingen, Paris, Verona and Vienna stamp fairs.
A120 451 ⊙ only *CHF 19.50*

These items are not delivered as part of a standing order.

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Set of single stamps, 1/2016 edition
The single stamps/sets in the 1/2016 issue of 3.3.2016 are displayed on a free A5 backing card with a protective cellophane wrapping.
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2015 year set
All 52 Swiss stamps for the year, clearly laid out on handy display cards with transparent protective sleeve.
A059 320 ★
A059 820 ⊙ *CHF 59.80*

Set of first day covers, 1/2016 edition
The first day covers with the set in the 1/2016 issue of 3.3.2016 are combined in one free cover.
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2015 year set of first day covers
All 24 first day covers (FDC) of the year – with the respective single stamps, sets or miniature sheets and cancelled with the corresponding first day cancellations – can be ordered as a set, which is also available as part of a standing order.
A061 530 only ⊙ *CHF 87.90*

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As a valuable contemporary document, with each stamp inserted by hand, the year book presents the 52 original stamps of the last year, along with all the first day cancellations and an exclusive black print on 100 pages in four languages (de/fr/it/en).
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